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Subject: Sexually Transmitted Infection Treatment Guidelines, 2021

CDC has released Sexually Transmitted Infections Treatment Guidelines, 2021. This document provides current evidence-based diagnostic, management, and treatment recommendations, and serves as a source of clinical guidance for managing sexually transmitted infections (STIs).

The new guidelines include notable updates from the previous 2015 guidance, including:

- Updated treatment recommendations for chlamydia, trichomoniasis, and pelvic inflammatory disease.
- Updated treatment recommendations for uncomplicated gonorrhea in neonates, children, and other specific clinical situations (e.g., proctitis, epididymitis, sexual assault), which builds on broader treatment changes published in *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* late last year.
- Information on FDA-cleared diagnostic tests for *Mycoplasma genitalium* and rectal and pharyngeal chlamydia and gonorrhea.
- Expanded risk factors for syphilis testing among pregnant patients.
- Recommended two-step serologic testing for diagnosing genital herpes simplex virus.
- Harmonized recommendations for human papillomavirus vaccination with the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

Recommended universal hepatitis C testing in alignment with CDC's 2020 hepatitis C testing recommendations.

The entire Sexually Transmitted Infections Treatment Guidelines, 2021 is available online:

<https://www.cdc.gov/std/treatment-guidelines/STI-Guidelines-2021.pdf>

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